port. As such a direct comparison of productivity at Indian Ports with other ports in the region may not be of relevance. However, in order to improve the productivity of Indian Ports various measures have been taken by the Government. As a result, cargo handled at the ports has been increasing steadily.

Integrated Transport Policy

5438. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to draw up Integrated Transport Policy in order to build up a harmonised integrated transport network;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the policy is likely to be announced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission is the Nodal agency for formulation of Integrated Transport Policy. Draft Integrated Transport Policy is being discussed by the Task Force on Infrastructure and a view will be taken after its finalisation by the Task Force.

Feasibility study on widening of NHs

5439. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any feasibility study on the widening of National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and NH-wise;

(c) the details of four-laning/six laning work under progress at present; and

(d) the proposal under consideration at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.